

Ribbon, and he has been selected to attend the Assessment and Selection Indoctrination Course for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command this January. Such accolades are truly fitting for a member of our Armed Services who has always shown the highest level of dedication to his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Marine Corps Master Sergeant Brian J. Nelson as he is awarded the Purple Heart. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of this distinguished member of our Armed Services.

TRIBUTE TO THE 30TH VETERANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great community program in my district. For thirty years, Mineral Wells ISD and the American Legion Post 75 have co-sponsored an outstanding program to recognize and honor our nation's veterans. This program is held in the high school stadium and is open to all people of the community and the area. All school students of Mineral Wells ISD are driven by bus to the stadium. This year the program was held on November 12th for an audience of approximately 5500.

Some of the neighboring schools also bring their students to the program. The program comprises performances from all campuses of Mineral Wells ISD including the kindergarten drill team, choirs from the middle school, and students from the junior and senior high schools. The high school band performs a pre-ceremony concert while attendees get seated. A dance team from the high school performs as well.

This year, Lt. General Richard E. "Tex" Brown III (USAF, Ret.) was the guest speaker. He was a former graduate of Mineral Wells High School. Lt. General Brown spoke of the great respect this area has for the military and for veterans. The Master of Ceremonies was LTC Robert Clayton Evans (US Army, Ret.). He also was a former graduate of Mineral Wells High School, a West Point graduate, and a member of the American Legion Post 75. It was a great homecoming for both men.

American Legion, Sons of the Legion, and American Legion Auxiliary state commanders and presidents attended this program. Elected officials of the county and school officials also were among the platform guests.

Students from Mineral Wells High School also helped with other duties involved with the program. Some passed out programs or helped seat groups in the stands. Some passed out small flags to the crowd or helped fill red, white, and blue balloons for the final song.

Local Legion members performed a flag service and presented service flags in the program. Another member manned a small cannon to open the program after a local pilot presented a flyover to honor our veterans. Lunch was served after the program by more local members of the American Legion Post 75 family.

Mineral Wells recognizes the service that veterans have given to our country now and in

the past with this outstanding program. For that reason, Mineral Wells ISD and American Legion Post 75 should be noted for their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL K. MILLER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Iowa Public Television's executive director and general manager, Daniel Miller, and express my appreciation for his years of service to IPTV and the people of Iowa.

A Des Moines native, Mr. Miller has been a part of the IPTV family for 37 years and has been the executive director and general manager since 2002. Under Dan's leadership, IPTV has expanded its statewide and nationwide relevance by tripling its broadcast offerings amidst balancing the transition to digital television and shrinking government funding. Iowa Public Television boasts more than two million viewers each month, and at times its central Iowa station has been the most-watched public television station in the country.

Dan's many accomplishments at IPTV have earned him deserved praise across the nation, including numerous broadcasting and broadcast journalism awards on the regional and national levels. Simply put, the IPTV we know and love today would not be the same without Mr. Miller's tireless efforts and passionate advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, in an increasingly divisive media environment, Dan's career and legacy at IPTV is a testament to the importance of objective and factual journalism. He has never wavered in his commitment to the truth and journalistic integrity, and I am honored to call him my friend. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mr. Miller on his illustrious career, and wish him a happy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on December 12 and 13, 2012 and missed rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on rollcall votes 621, 622, 623, 624, 625 and 626.

RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JOSEPH P. MACNABB

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to commemorate the retirement of Judge Joseph P. MacNabb. Over the years, Judge MacNabb has proved his

dedication to the people of the Third District and Georgia and his presence in the community will not be forgotten.

Joseph MacNabb was born in Newnan, Georgia to George and Ella MacNabb. He graduated with top honors from Newnan High School and attended of Emory University. Following Emory, Judge MacNabb graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law and served as the First Chairman of the Moot Court Board.

Judge MacNabb used his degree to truly serve people. While he was a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the United States Army, Judge MacNabb spent time in the Republic of Korea and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

After his service abroad, he returned to Georgia and practiced law in Newnan for 43 years as a Partner in the law firm of Mathews, Knight & MacNabb, and then as a Partner in law firm of Rosenzweig, Jones & MacNabb. His hard work did not go unnoticed in the community, as he was elected President of the Newnan Bar Association in 1978 and represented the Coweta County Board of Education for 16 years.

Judge MacNabb was appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Coweta County in 1982 and served for 31 years. He was also appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Heard County in 1991 and served for 21 years. During his time as Juvenile Judge in Coweta County, he was instrumental in helping establish a permanent home for the Juvenile Court in 2006, earning widespread praise in the community for his commitment to the juvenile court system.

Throughout his career, Judge MacNabb has shown his ability to help others, be the cases big or small. His work abroad on behalf of our nation and in the local community shows his dedication to the legal system and those who are struggling within it. A judge is a man of character and integrity, and Judge MacNabb epitomizes that, which is why I am proud to help honor his service to and I wish our best to Judge MacNabb as he begins his next journey, and hope he has a long and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT KYLE MATTHEW JENNETT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kyle Matthew Jennett of Creston, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Kyle renovated latrines at a local county park to ensure greater public utilization, including handicap accessibility. The work ethic Kyle has shown in his